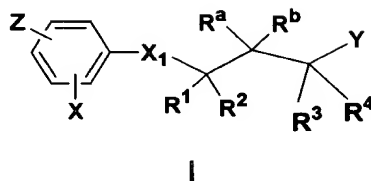


CLAIMS

We claim:

- 5 1. A compound of the formula



- 10 wherein X_1 is O, $S(O)_n$, $-\overset{\overset{R^5}{|}}{N}-$, $co-\overset{\overset{R^5}{|}}{N}-$, or $-CH_2-$, with the proviso that when X_1 is $-CH_2-$, R_1 and R_2 are only halogen.

n is 0, 1 or 2;

- 15 R^a and R^b when taken together form an oxo ($=O$) group, or R^a and R^b are each independently hydrogen, OH, $OCOR^9$, NH_2 , N_3 , $NHCOOR^9$, $NHCOCOR^9$, $NHSO_2R^9$ or F;

- 20 X is H, CF_3 , OCF_3 , halogen, C_1-C_7 alkyl, C_2-C_7 alkenyl, C_2-C_7 alkynyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by $COOR^8$, CN , $C(O)NR^6R^7$, PO_3R^8 , SO_3R^8 , heterocyclic, OR^8 , SH , $S(O)_nR^9$, NR^6R^7 , $NH(CO)NR^6R^7$, $NH(CO)OR^9$, aryl or heteroaryl, said aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one or two groups independently selected from NR^6R^7 , OR^8 , $COOR^8$, SO_3R^8 , $OCOR^9$, PO_3R^8 , $C(O)NR^6R^7$ or heterocyclic;

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R_1 and R_2 are each independently H, halogen, OR^9 , C_1-C_7 alkyl, C_2-C_7 alkynyl, C_2-C_7 alkynyl or C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or

cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by COOR⁸, CN, C(O)NR⁶R⁷, PO₃R⁸, SO₃R⁸, heterocyclic, OR⁸, SH, S(O)_nR⁹, NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)OR⁹, OC(O)OR⁹, aryl or heteroaryl, said aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted with one or two groups independently selected from

5 NR⁶R⁷, OR⁸, COOR⁸, SO₃R⁸, OCOR⁹, PO₃R⁸, C(O)NR⁶R⁷ or heterocyclic;

R³, R⁴ and Y are each independently H, halogen, OR¹⁰, S(O)_nR¹⁰, C₁–C₇ alkyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl, C₂–C₇ alkynyl or C₃–C₇ cycloalkyl, said alkyl,

10 alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by COOR⁸, CN, C(O)NR⁶R⁷, PO₃R⁸, SO₃R⁸, heterocyclic, OR⁸, SH, S(O)_nR⁹, NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)OR⁹, OC(O)OR⁹, aryl or heteroaryl, said aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one or two groups independently selected from NR⁶R⁷, OR⁸, COOR⁸, SO₃R⁸,

15 OCOR⁹, PO₃R⁸, C(O)NR⁶R⁷ or heterocyclic, with the proviso that not all of R³, R⁴ and Y may be the same halogen;

R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are each independently H, C₁–C₇ alkyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl, C₂–C₇ alkynyl or C₃–C₇ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl

20 group being optionally substituted by COOR⁸, CN, OR⁸, NR⁸R⁹, SO₃R⁸, PO₃R⁸, halogen, aryl or heteroaryl, said aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one or two groups independently selected from COOR⁸, SO₃R⁸, PO₃R⁸ or heterocyclic;

25 R⁸ is H, C₁–C₇ saturated straight chain alkyl or cycloalkyl;

R⁹ is same as R⁸ but is not hydrogen;

- R¹⁰ is C₁–C₇ alkyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl, C₂–C₇ alkynyl or C₃–C₇ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by COOR⁸, CN, C(O)NR⁶R⁷, PO₃R⁸, SO₃R⁸, heterocyclic, OR⁸, SH, S(O)_nR⁹, NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)OR⁹, aryl or heteroaryl, said
- 5 aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one or two groups independently selected from NR⁶R⁷, OR⁸, COOR⁸, SO₃R⁸, OCOR⁸, PO₃R⁸, C(O)NR⁶R⁷ or heterocyclic;

Z is OR¹¹, S(O)_nR¹¹, NR¹¹R¹² or CHR¹¹R¹²;

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R¹¹ and R¹² are each independently hydrogen, C₁–C₇ alkyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl, C₂–C₇ alkynyl or C₃–C₇ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by NR¹³R¹⁴, S(O)_nR¹³, OR¹³, with the proviso that both R¹¹ and R¹² may not be hydrogen;

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R¹³ and R¹⁴ are each independently H, SiR¹⁵R¹⁶R¹⁷, C₁–C₇ alkyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl, C₂–C₇ alkynyl, aryl or C₃–C₇ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by one to three groups independently selected from COOR⁸, OR⁸, Si R¹⁵R¹⁶R¹⁷,

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OR¹⁵, aryl, biaryl or heteroaryl, said aryl, biaryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted with one to three groups independently selected from halogen, CF₃, OR⁸, COOR⁸, NO₂, or CN;

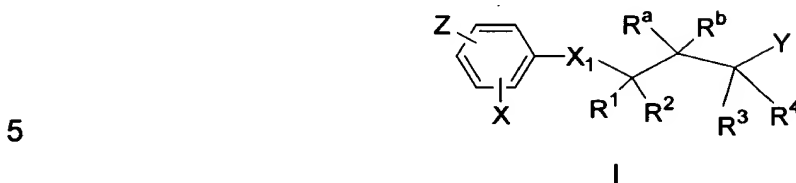
- R¹³ and R¹⁴ when taken together may form a 5 –7 membered
- 25 heterocyclic ring with one or more heteroatoms selected from O, N and S; said ring being optionally substituted by OR⁸, COOR⁸, or C(O)NR⁵R⁶;

R¹⁵, R¹⁶, R¹⁷ are each independently aryl, benzyl, benzhydryl, biaryl, heteroaryl, (C₁–C₆) alkyl–aryl or (C₁–C₆) alkyl–heteroaryl, said aryl radical



being optionally substituted by halogen, CF_3 , OR^8 , COOR^8 , NO_2 , CN , $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_7$ alkyl.

2. A compound of the formula



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein

10 X_1 is O, S(O)_n , $\text{—}\overset{\text{R}^5}{\text{N}}\text{—}$, $\text{co—}\overset{\text{R}^5}{\text{N}}\text{—}$ or $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$, with the proviso that when X_1 is $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$, R_1 and R_2 are only halogen.

n is 0, 1 or 2;

15 R^a and R^b when taken together form an oxo ($=\text{O}$) group, or R^a and R^b are each independently hydrogen, OH, OCOR^9 , NH_2 , N_3 , NHCOOR^9 , NHCOCOR^9 , NHSO_2R^9 or F.

20 X is H, CF_3 , OCF_3 , halogen, $\text{C}_1\text{—C}_7$ alkyl, $\text{C}_2\text{—C}_7$ alkenyl, $\text{C}_2\text{—C}_7$ alkynyl or $\text{C}_3\text{—C}_7$ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by COOR^8 , CN , $\text{C(O)NR}^6\text{R}^7$, PO_3R^8 , SO_3R^8 , heterocyclic, OR^8 , SH, $\text{S(O)}_n\text{R}^9$, NR^6R^7 , $\text{NH(CO)NR}^6\text{R}^7$, NH(CO)OR^9 , aryl or heteroaryl, said aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one or two groups independently selected from NR^6R^7 , OR^8 , COOR^8 , SO_3R^8 , OCOR^9 , PO_3R^8 , $\text{C(O)NR}^6\text{R}^7$ or heterocyclic;



- R¹ and R² are each independently H, halogen, OR⁹, C₁–C₇ alkyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl or C₃–C₇ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by COOR⁸, CN, C(O)NR⁶R⁷, PO₃R⁸, SO₃R⁸, heterocyclic, OR⁸, SH, S(O)_nR⁹, NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)OR⁹, OC(O)OR⁹, aryl or heteroaryl, said aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted with one or two groups independently selected from NR⁶R⁷, OR⁸, COOR⁸, SO₃R⁸, OCOR⁹, PO₃R⁸, C(O)NR⁶R⁷ or heterocyclic;
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- 10 R³, R⁴ and Y are each independently H, OR¹⁰, S(O)_nR¹⁰, C₁–C₇ alkyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl, C₂–C₇ alkynyl or C₃–C₇ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by COOR⁸, CN, C(O)NR⁶R⁷, PO₃R⁸, SO₃R⁸, heterocyclic, OR⁸, SH, S(O)_nR⁹, NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)OR⁹, OC(O)OR⁹, aryl or heteroaryl, said aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one or two groups independently selected from NR⁶R⁷, OR⁸, COOR⁸, SO₃R⁸, OCOR⁸, PO₃R⁸, C(O)NR⁶R⁷ or heterocyclic;
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- 20 R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are each independently H, C₁–C₇ alkyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl, C₂–C₇ alkynyl or C₃–C₇ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by COOR⁸, CN, OR⁸, NR⁸R⁹, SO₃R⁸, PO₃R⁸, halogen, aryl or heteroaryl, said aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one or two groups independently selected from COOR⁸, SO₃R⁸, PO₃R⁸ or heterocyclic;
- 25
- R⁸ is H, C₁–C₇ saturated straight chain alkyl or cycloalkyl, CF₃ or CH₂CF₃;
- R⁹ is same as R⁸ but is not hydrogen;

- R¹⁰ is C₁–C₇ alkyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl, C₂–C₇ alkynyl or C₃–C₇ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by COOR⁸, CN, C(O)NR⁶R⁷, PO₃R⁸, SO₃R⁸, heterocyclic, OR⁸, SH, S(O)_nR⁹, NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)NR⁶R⁷, NH(CO)OR⁹, aryl or heteroaryl, said
- 5 aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one or two groups independently selected from NR⁶R⁷, OR⁸, COOR⁸, SO₃R⁸, OCOR⁸, PO₃R⁸, C(O)NR⁶R⁷ or heterocyclic;

Z is OR¹¹, S(O)_nR¹¹, NR¹¹R¹² or CHR¹¹R¹²;

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R¹¹ and R¹² are each independently hydrogen, C₁–C₇ alkyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl, C₂–C₇ alkynyl or C₃–C₇ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by NR¹³R¹⁴, S(O)_nR¹³, OR¹³, with the proviso that both R¹¹ and R¹² may not be hydrogen;

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R¹³ and R¹⁴ are each independently H, SiR¹⁵R¹⁶R¹⁷, C₁–C₇ alkyl, C₂–C₇ alkenyl, C₂–C₇ alkynyl, aryl or C₃–C₇ cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl or cycloalkyl group being optionally substituted by one to three groups independently selected from COOR⁸, OR⁸, Si R¹⁵R¹⁶R¹⁷,

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OR¹⁵, aryl, biaryl or heteroaryl, said aryl, biaryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted with one to three groups independently selected from halogen, CF₃, OR⁸, COOR⁸, NO₂, or CN;

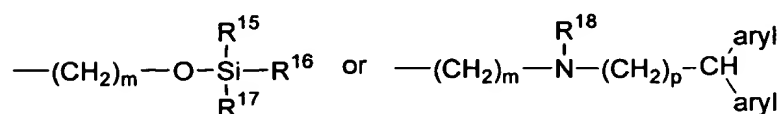
- R¹³ and R¹⁴ when taken together may form a 5 – 7 membered
- 25 heterocyclic ring with one or more heteroatoms selected from O, N and S; said ring being optionally substituted by OR⁸, COOR⁸, or C(O)NR⁵R⁶;

R¹⁵, R¹⁶, R¹⁷ are each independently aryl, benzyl, benzhydryl, biaryl, heteroaryl, (C₁–C₆) alkyl–aryl or (C₁–C₆) alkyl–heteroaryl, said aryl radical

being optionally substituted by halogen, CF_3 , OR^8 , COOR^8 , NO_2 , CN , or $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_7$ alkyl.

3. A compound of claim 2 wherein X_1 is O, or $\text{S}(\text{O})_n$ and Y is OR^{10} in
 5 which R^{10} is $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_7$ alkyl, $\text{C}_2\text{--C}_7$ alkenyl, $\text{C}_2\text{--C}_7$ alkynyl or $\text{C}_3\text{--C}_7$
 cycloalkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl group being optionally
 substituted by COOR^8 , CN , $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$, PO_3R^8 , SO_3R^8 , heterocyclic,
 OR^8 , SH , $\text{S}(\text{O})_n\text{R}^9$, NR^6R^7 , $\text{NH}(\text{CO})\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$, $\text{NH}(\text{CO})\text{OR}^9$, aryl or
 heteroaryl, said aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one or
 10 two groups independently selected from NR^6R^7 , OR^8 , COOR^8 , SO_3R^8 ,
 OCOR^9 , PO_3R^8 , $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ or heterocyclic, said R^6 , R^7 , R^8 and R^9
 substituents being defined as in claim 2.
4. A compound of claim 3 in which R^a and R^b taken together
 15 represent an oxo ($=\text{O}$) group, or R^a and R^b are each independently
 hydrogen or OH.
5. A compound of claim 3 wherein R^a and R^b are each independently
 hydrogen, OCOR^9 , NH_2 , N_3 , NHCOOR^9 or NHCOCOR^9 in which R^9 is as
 20 defined in claim 2.
6. A compound of claim 4 wherein R^1 and R^2 are each independently
 halogen.
7. A compound of claim 3, 4, 5 or 6 in which

Z is




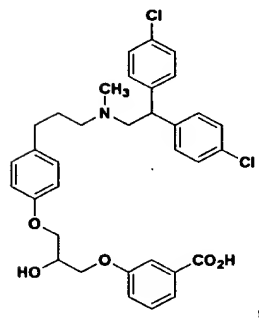
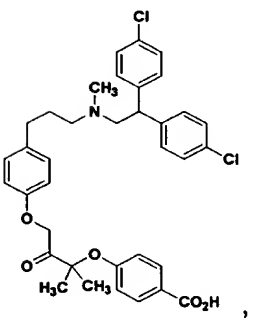
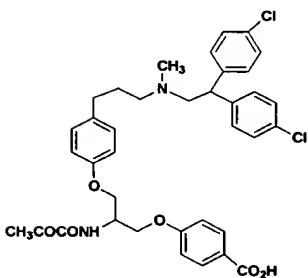
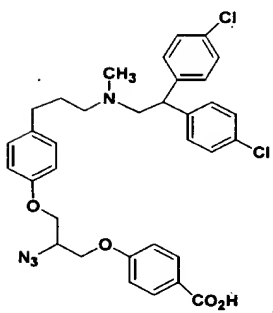
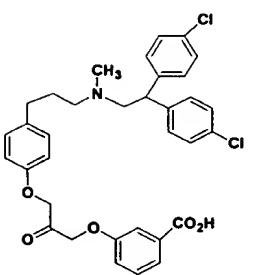
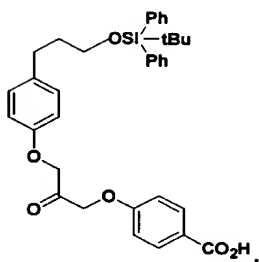
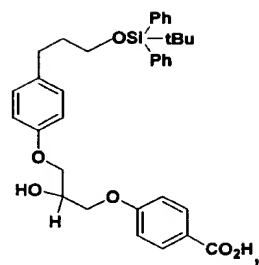
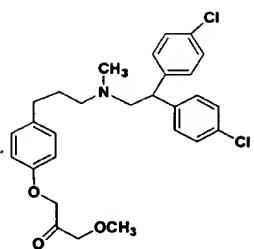
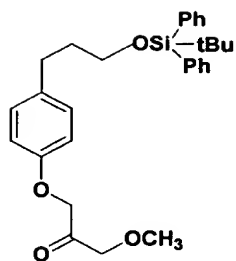
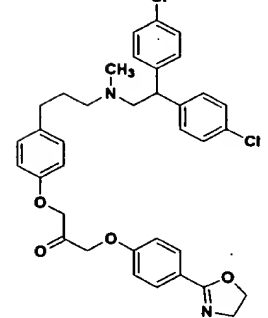
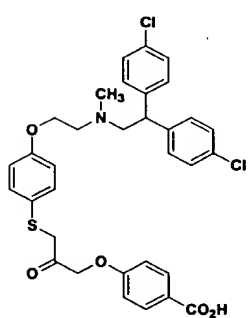
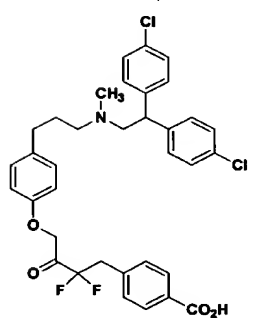
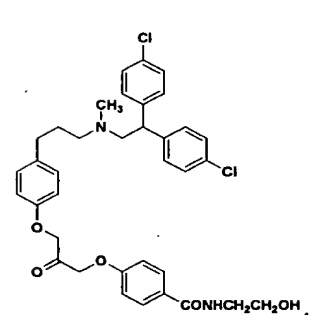
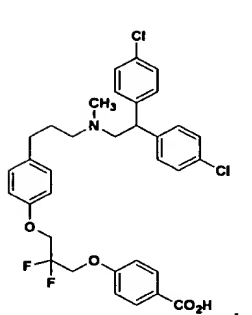
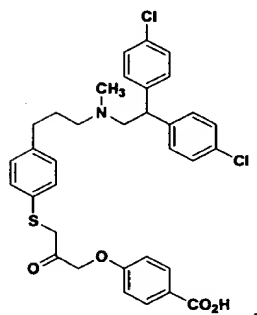
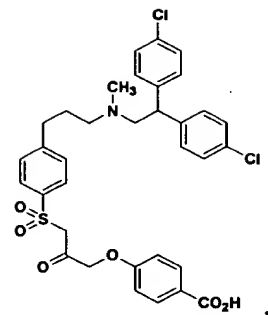
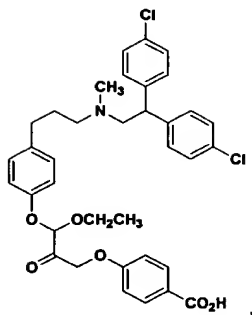
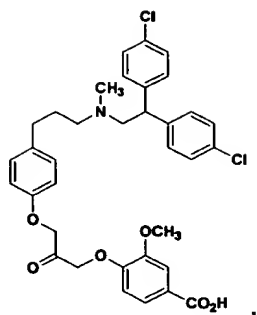
aryl represents  in which X¹ is halogen.

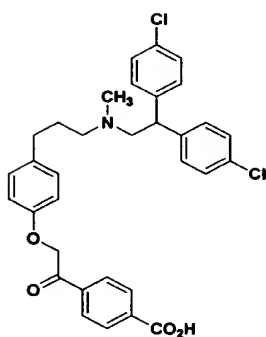
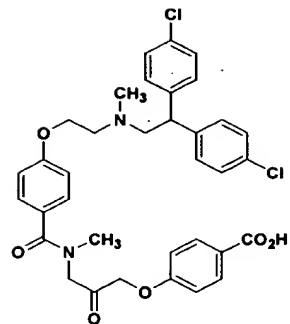
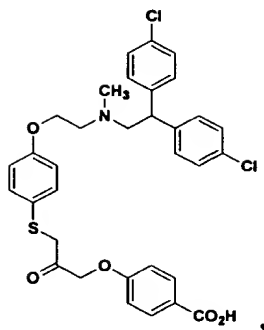
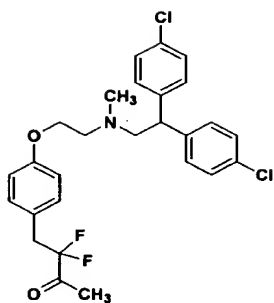
Figure 1 displays nine chemical structures of various dendritic dendrimers, arranged in a 3x3 grid. Each structure is a complex molecule with multiple rings and functional groups, including amine, ester, and carboxylic acid groups.

- Top Row:**
 - Structure 1 (top-left): A dendritic dendrimer with a central amine group (N-CH₃) connected to a phenyl ring, which is further connected to a dendritic structure. The dendritic structure includes a carboxylic acid group (CO₂H) and a trifluoromethyl group (CF₃).
 - Structure 2 (top-middle): A dendritic dendrimer with a central amine group (N-CH₃) connected to a phenyl ring, which is further connected to a dendritic structure. The dendritic structure includes a carboxylic acid group (CO₂H) and a trifluoromethyl group (CF₃).
 - Structure 3 (top-right): A dendritic dendrimer with a central amine group (N-CH₃) connected to a phenyl ring, which is further connected to a dendritic structure. The dendritic structure includes a carboxylic acid group (CO₂H) and a trifluoromethyl group (CF₃).
- Middle Row:**
 - Structure 4 (middle-left): A dendritic dendrimer with a central amine group (N-CH₃) connected to a phenyl ring, which is further connected to a dendritic structure. The dendritic structure includes a carboxylic acid group (CO₂H) and a trifluoromethyl group (CF₃).
 - Structure 5 (middle-middle): A dendritic dendrimer with a central amine group (N-CH₃) connected to a phenyl ring, which is further connected to a dendritic structure. The dendritic structure includes a carboxylic acid group (CO₂H) and a trifluoromethyl group (CF₃).
 - Structure 6 (middle-right): A dendritic dendrimer with a central amine group (N-CH₃) connected to a phenyl ring, which is further connected to a dendritic structure. The dendritic structure includes a carboxylic acid group (CO₂H) and a trifluoromethyl group (CF₃).
- Bottom Row:**
 - Structure 7 (bottom-left): A dendritic dendrimer with a central amine group (N-CH₃) connected to a phenyl ring, which is further connected to a dendritic structure. The dendritic structure includes a carboxylic acid group (CO₂H) and a trifluoromethyl group (CF₃).
 - Structure 8 (bottom-middle): A dendritic dendrimer with a central amine group (N-CH₃) connected to a phenyl ring, which is further connected to a dendritic structure. The dendritic structure includes a carboxylic acid group (CO₂H) and a trifluoromethyl group (CF₃).
 - Structure 9 (bottom-right): A dendritic dendrimer with a central amine group (N-CH₃) connected to a phenyl ring, which is further connected to a dendritic structure. The dendritic structure includes a carboxylic acid group (CO₂H) and a trifluoromethyl group (CF₃).



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. A pharmaceutical composition for the inhibition of cytosolic phospholipase A₂ comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
10. A method of inhibiting cytosolic phospholipase A₂ in a mammal in need thereof, comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1.